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Presidential Memo Expands On Cost Reduction Efforts

President Johnson has made a further clarification of his September economic message to Congress that asks the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of General Services to report cost reduction and avoidance efforts by February 1, 1967.

The Chief Executive said he is directing all departments and agencies to:

- "hold down and reduce supply inventories;
- increase utilization of excess property and redistribute other stocks in lieu of new procurement;
- reduce the number of items in the various supply systems;
- review and revise equipment replacement standards;
- establish tighter controls on proposed procurement actions;
- review the procurement and property management programs of government contractors."

Cost Control A Basic Policy

Mr. Johnson said that cost control, avoidance and reduction is one of the basic policies of his administration.

He repeated part of his congressional message in which he said, "I am going to cut all federal expenditures to the fullest extent consistent with the well-being of our people."

"I mean just that," the President underscored.

In an accompanying memorandum to heads of Departments and Agencies, Mr. Johnson noted that the federal government spends more than $40 billion per year for procurement of supplies, materials and equipment.

"More than three-fourths of this property is used by the Department of Defense, most of which is military equipment and supplies."

Noting $4.6 billion worth of surplus property sold or redistributed to other government agencies, the President said that "costs can be reduced by eliminating unnecessary purchases which caused these execesses.

"When excesses cannot be avoided, costs can be reduced by redistributing them to avoid procurement," he said in asking for a government-wide "make do" attitude.

SAFETY AWARD—Col. Lester R. Ferriss Jr. (left), 315th Air Division vice commander, accepts the National Safety Council Award of Honor from Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, vice commander, Pacific Air Forces. The award, highest given by the Council, went to the division for its outstanding ground safety program in 1965.

Expect 20,000 Inductees From Revised Aptitude Test

Twenty-thousand examinees are expected to qualify for induction into the military service under a revised aptitude test standard, an initial step for qualifying 40,000 men for active service this fiscal year under a program announced by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

The Department of Defense revision eliminates a requirement that individuals receiving low passing scores on the Armed Forces Qualification Test, ranging from percentile scores of 10-15, must also receive a passing score in the general technical area, one of seven aptitude areas of the Army Qualification Battery Test.

The new standards are effective Oct. 1.

The initial revision will qualify individuals who would otherwise be classified "Class 1Y," unqualified for military service except during war or national emergency.

Officials said there will be other revisions in mental test standards to qualify an additional 20,000 registrants in the current fiscal year. A study of the revisions is underway and results are expected early next year.

Washington Memos

PROFESSOR OF AERONAUTICS and Astronautics at Stanford University, Calif., Dr. Robert H. Cannon Jr., has been named to succeed Dr. Robert G. Loewy as Chief Scientist of Air Force. 46-year-old professor will provide technical and scientific advice to Chief of Staff on Air Force plans, programs and requirements. Appointment is for one-year.

GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND reports that U.S. troops in RVN are investing in savings bonds at a rate nine percent higher than all U.S. services combined. CG of MACV says Army leads all units by a large margin, with an 80 percent participation in savings bond program. Second place Air Force units had 40 percent. Army's First Logistical Command topped all MACV units with 98 percent.

NAVY DESTROYER USS Eugene A. Greene has been named winner of Antisubmarine Warfare Trophy for FY66 for being "most proficient in the art of antisubmarine warfare among the 165 cruisers, destroyers, and destroyer escorts" that comprise the Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Greene is presently deployed to U.S. Seventh Fleet in South China Sea. Award is sponsored by Rhode Island Council of Navy League. Formal presentation will be made when Greene returns to Norfolk, Va.

LT. GEN. BERTON E. SPIVY JR., USA, director of Plans and Policy Division of The Joint Staff, JCS, addressed Naval War College students on the "Military Considerations in National Strategy." Lt. Gen. Spivy, commander of Third Armored Division in Germany prior to assuming present position, described factors which determine a nation's military strength.

U. S. ARMY'S "Ready to Roll" 7th Transportation Battalion at Long Binh, RVN, logged average of more than 14,000 miles a day during August, the unit's first month of operations in RVN, supplying food and ammunition to combat units in III and IV Corps areas. Driving some 400,000 miles, 500 drivers of 1st Logistical Command Battalion worked 16-hour day shuttling more than 30,000 tons of supplies from the Saigon Port, and Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa air bases to combat units.

SYNCOM SATELLITE PROGRAM has been transferred from Army's Satellite Communications Agency to Army's Strategic Communications Command (STRATCOM) for operational control. STRATCOM had been supplying personnel previously in operating five-station ground network, with Navy operating two shipboard terminals. Satellites are 1964-launched SYNCOM II, stationed over Indian Ocean, and 1963-launched SYNCOM III, over Pacific.

B-52'S 5,000TH SORTIE against VC guerillas was flown Sept. 14 as 3rd Air Division bombers hit Viet Cong storage and supply area 35 miles north of Pleiku. At same time, it raised weight of conventional bombs dropped by B-52's to more than 95,000 tons.

AIR FORCE IS proceeding with plans to offer voluntary two-year recall to retired airmen in grades E-5, E-6 and E-7 who possess AFSC 43171C, Jet Aircraft Maintenance Technician. Move is to relieve critical skill manning situation. Letters are being sent to airmen who retired from FY64 through FY67. Only individuals exhibiting high quality performance during their military careers will be recalled, if interested.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY is one of 39 recipients of grants from Sperry and Hutchinson Foundation for campus-community lectureships during 1966-67 school year. It is first such award given to a service academy. $2,000 award will provide for an address dealing with social problems that have grown out of scientific revolution.

AIR FORCE CHIEF of Staff General John P. McConnell attended ceremonies marking 26th anniversary of Battle of Britain during visit to Great Britain in mid-September, as guest of Air Chief Marshal Sir Samuel Charles Elworthy, Royal Air Force Chief of Staff. General McConnell also met with members of Great Britain's Ministry of Defense.

NAVY SUPPLY CORPS officers seeking postgraduate study at civilian institutions as principal and alternate selectees must take Princeton University's Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business. Test date is set for Nov. 5. Score on Princeton test is an important admission factor, Navy said. Only exceptions to taking test are for those attending George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

ARMY HAS TEAM of combat artists in RVN documenting actions for its war art collection. This coverage includes civic actions as well as battle actions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LATEST achievements in Air Force technology will be presented at 13th Annual Air Force Science and Engineering Symposium at Arnold AFS, Tenn., Sept. 27-29. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John S. Foster Jr., Director of Defense Research and Engineering. His address will be on role of "in-house" research and development in national defense.

MINUTEMAN FLAG PRESENTED by Treasury Department to U.S. Army Data Support Command for attaining 90.1 percent participation in Savings Bond program. Army's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Kenneth G. Wickham, whose office controls Data Support Command, was present at the Sept. 19 ceremony.

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Defense, Industry Increase Involvement in Education

"The need for better educational process is so critical," according to Dr. Eugene T. Ferraro, "that we must not overlook any arrangement which will improve the national education and training effort."

The Air Force Deputy Under Secretary (Manpower) said that in the future some significant progress will be made in education and training because of two major influences.

Speaking before the Aerospace Education Foundation Seminar on Educational Technology, Dr. Ferraro first listed the closer involvement of the Department of Defense and military services in the improvement of educational technology.

The second influence, he said, "is the deeper involvement of industry with the problems of education and training and the use of industry resources in what has heretofore been considered an exclusively 'public sector' task."

Explaining that industry has helped in many areas, Dr. Ferraro noted, "If industry can help us to hurl ourselves into vast space, might we not hope to have industry help us probe mental space and maximize our contributions in this area."

The Air Force in concert with the Department of Defense will continue to review its goals, structures and programs, Dr. Ferraro stated, "to insure ability to work together with other segments of our society to obtain any necessary goals."

Navy's Ship's Store System Emphasizes 'Buy American'

Navy Ship's Store system continues to emphasize its "Buy American" program to help stem the adverse gold flow.

Ship's Stores have taken four actions to make the program a success:

- Arrangements with the Navy Federal Credit Union to finance U.S.-made merchandise such as automobiles bought through Navy Exchanges;
- Reduction of prices for such products as radios, tape recorders and phonographs;
- Establishment of a new program with an American mail order house to distribute its catalogues overseas;
- Maintenance of American-made women's, men's, and children's clothing and shoes in overseas exchanges.

Navy is telling personnel "it's smart to buy American" because you help your country and yourself by not paying custom duty exacted on foreign goods.

ESCAPED PRISONER—Ltjg. Dieter Dengler tells Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze how his Skyraider plane was hit by enemy ground fire, forcing him to crash in Laos across the border from North Vietnam. Following the crash on Feb. 1, 1966, he was captured, and escaped five months later.

President Praises U.S. Coast Guard For Modern Techniques, Imagination

The President has hailed the Coast Guard for setting an example of "how management of an organization using modern techniques and imagination, can achieve simultaneously several objectives of this Administration."

In a memorandum to Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler, Mr. Johnson cited the Coast Guard for finding additional resources such as establishing fixed wing aircraft and amphibious helicopter rescue service training facilities when none existed within DOD.

At the same time, the Chief Executive noted the Coast Guard effected cost reduction savings amounting to $1 million annual operating costs and $10 million in cost avoidance of capital investments.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the principle of consolidating activities to avoid construction of new stations was a most interesting systems analysis because of its chain reaction.

U.S., Philippines Agree To Amend 1947 Base Pact

The United States has agreed to amend the Philippine-U.S. Military Base Agreement of 1947 by reducing the term of agreement from the original period of 99 years to a period of 25 years.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Narciso Ramos signed and exchanged diplomatic notes concerning the agreement.

The amended Article XXIX—Term of Agreement reads: "Unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement of the two governments, this Agreement and agreed revisions thereof shall remain in force for a period of 25 years from September 16, 1966 after which, unless extended for a longer period by mutual agreement, it shall become subject to termination upon one year's notice by either government."

The agreement between the two countries also confirmed the understanding reached in 1959 concerning consultation, and reaffirmed the policy on mutual defense.

Army Seeks E-5's, Above For Logistics Program

Noncommissioned officers, E-5 and above, may further their careers in the logistics field by applying for one of the 467 authorized Noncommissioned Officers Logistics Program positions within the U.S. Continental Army Command.

Openings exist in 29 specific Military Occupational Specialties. They include field radio repairmen, nuclear power plant chiefs, ammunition storage specialists, engineer equipment repairmen, single engine tandem rotor helicopter mechanics, quartermaster supply specialists and general supply supervisors.

Interested NCOs may submit applications on a DA Form 1049 under the provisions of ARs 600–200 and 614–6.

SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD — Former House Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Vinson (right), meets with new Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander Jack B. Wood, following Mr. Vinson's receiving the Sylvanus Thayer Award at the U.S. Military Academy. Award is given annually to a distinguished American exemplifying Academy motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Travis AFB Reports Billet Shortage

Air Force has announced that families scheduled to depart from Travis AFB, Calif., enroute overseas "will not be billeted earlier than 24 hours prior to scheduled flight departure time."

Officials also advised that outbound unaccompanied military members should report no earlier than six hours prior to scheduled flight. Billets will normally be provided when flights are delayed.

Inbound passengers for retirement or separation accompanied by dependents "can only be accommodated for a maximum period of 24 hours following arrival at Travis AFB," an all-command message stated regarding a shortage of transient billets at the California base.

All other ZI returnees and their dependents will be billeted on space available basis.

Mobile Data Processing Speeds Military Traffic

Headquarters Eastern Area, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (EAMTMTS), Brooklyn, N.Y., is putting data processing equipment in highway vans to meet emergency military requirements in the most economical manner possible.

EAMTMTS manages the movement of DOD cargo and passengers throughout 34 states and operates ocean terminals along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and the Great Lakes. With unpredictable workloads generating at each specific ocean port, "flexibility and mobility" were the prime considerations in planning the highway vans to accommodate data processing machines used in preparing cargo lists.

The mobile data vans in the field, fitted with transceivers, key punch machines, sorters, and other equipment, move to terminals and outports as required to meet fluctuating workloads.

Cargo documentation data collected from the processing equipment on wheels is transceived over high speed telephone wires to EAMTMTS headquarters in Brooklyn, where a computer system processes the information into ocean manifests and stowage plans. It is then speedily transmitted to overseas ports to assist port commanders in the receipt and discharge of cargo.

ESSA Deputy Retires

VADM H. Arnold Karo will retire Jan. 1 and will be succeeded in his post as Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Science Service Administration (ESSA) by New York University meteorological scientist Dr. Werner A. Baum, President Johnson announced Sept. 16.

Besides holding important teaching posts at several American universities, Dr. Baum has been cited for his work of a decade in developing the Journal of Meteorology into a large publication of high international stature.

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